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BN CHANGE OF COMMAND 2 JUN 2009

Welcome Lt. Col. and Mrs. Mark E. Rosenstein to 36th Signal Battalion. On Tuesday, 2 June 2009 Lt. Col. Harry M. Friberg relinquished command to Lt. Col. Mark E. Rosenstein during the Silent Command ceremony at Kelly Field on Camp Walker. This event marked the official passing of command to Lt. Col. Rosenstein.



Photo by Mr. To Chung Ho, Visual Information Support Center

Top Photo: Col. Welton Chase Jr., 1st Signal Bde Commander charges Lt. Col. Mark E. Rosenstein with the duty and responsibility as the commander of 36th Signal Battalion at Camp Walker, Korea on 2 June 2009. *Above Photo:* Major Lan T. Dalat, Commander of Troops for the ceremony salutes the official party during the Change of Command.

ARMED FORCES DAY IN DAEGU

Fostering Community Spirit

Story by Private First Class Bianca Martin

Saturday, May 30th started off gray, but as the day started to heat up, and so did the activities at the Camp Walker Armed Forces Day. The heliport was filled with the sights, sounds and smells of spring. Children and adults alike enjoyed the warm breezy weather and fun activities.

As soon as visitors entered, they were flooded with the aromas of traditional American festival foods. The USO



served hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream cones, and cotton candy. Anthony's Pizza was also on site serving piping hot pizzas, icy beverages, and cookies. With lunch in hand, visitors congregated underneath large tents and ate on picnic benches in the shade. Armed Forces Network was there to supply the entertainment in the form of music while visitors ate.

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36th Signal Bn
hosted 1st Signal
Brigade CLFX in
Waegwan

Photo by Lan Dalat



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DRAGON'S CORNER



Lt. Col. Mark E. Rosenstein, 19th Commander, 36th Signal Battalion



What a true privilege it is for me and Chong to return to the "Land of the Morning Calm" and once again serve in the best Signal Battalion in the U.S. Army. We are honored to re-join the Soldiers and Civilians that comprise the 36th Signal Battalion and be part of the battalion's tremendous legacy of achievement. Chong and I thank everyone for your hospitality and your warm and embracing welcome. Special thanks go to the Mercado's and the Dalat's for helping with our initial transition into Seoul and Daegu.

Since the Change of Command ceremony on 2 June 2009, the battalion has coined a new motto, "Standard Bearers," established a new call sign, "Dragon," and designed a new coin that represents the Battalion and its rich lineage (Korea, Vietnam and Europe). The Headquarters is refreshing its appearance to meet our new motto, "Standard Bearers," and I'm looking at esprit de corps events to

enhance camaraderie and a spirit of teamwork throughout the entire organization. From battalion Hail and Farewells, to Officer/NCO Calls, to quarterly unit cultural trips, to Officer/NCO/Leader development, to a new Chaplain program designed to inspire spiritual health and team-bonding we must strive to empower each other and to simultaneously take care of one another.

The coming quarter brings several key/capstone training events. July brings the Brigade's key train-up exercise, "Warrior Storm," and August brings the UNC/USFK/EUSA premier training exercise, "Ulchi Freedom Guardian (UFG)." Our team serves a critical role in enabling UFG Command and Control; I have 100 percent confidence in each and every member of our team. Be confident, be a "Standard Bearer!"

As we look to the future, the Command Sgt. Maj. and I plan to establish a monthly awards ceremony that incorporates a review of Maj.or training events 30/60/90 days into the future. We need your help to ensure family members able to attend do so as we want our families to know they

are valued members of the 36th Signal Battalion, "People-Family-Team (PFT)". We've also initiated a merging of the Regional Network Operations and Security Center (RNOSC) with the 169th Signal Company, Network Management (NetMan) section. This new capability will serve as a "Proof of Concept" and model for the eventual establishment of a similar Network Operations (NetOps) capability in the 501st Signal Company. As we continue to improve our "Foxholes and own our Battle Space," we are looking at ways to capitalize on individual and collective strengths of our Soldiers and Civilians as well as our Units and Area DOIMs; both me and the Command Sgt. Maj. know we have the best and brightest in our ranks and the most capable and flexible units in our force structure.

To close I simply want to reiterate how proud Chong and I are to return to the Republic of Korea and re-join the 36th Signal Battalion team. I ask each of you to always think and act SAFELY; travel with a "Battle Buddy" and watch yourselves around alcohol, drugs and other harmful influences; be alert to curfews; treat family, friends and others with Dignity and Respect; and for Leaders to ensure end-of-week, "Under the Oak Tree," counseling is conducted. Who we are as individuals and as an organization is up to us – "If we can dream it, we can achieve it!" – Lets reach for our highest potential and make our assignment in Korea, an experience of a lifetime.

"Standard Bearers"



Thank you for attending our house warming event.





BN COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR'S MINUTE

Command Sgt. Maj. Harry Mercado, 36th Signal Battalion, Camp Walker, Daegu



Harry Mercado
CSM, US Army
Command Sergeant
Major

First and foremost I want to thank all of our great Soldiers, KATUSAs, Noncommissioned Officers, Civilians and family members for the great welcome I received. Upon my arrival, the battalion

was in the middle of Key Resolve which allowed me to visit many sites and meet the great people that make up our team, I truly know why this is the best signal battalion in the Army. I look forward to continuing my visits throughout the command. 2009 marks the year of the NCO, the battalion leadership knows what it is to be a Noncommissioned Officer and I am proud of the entire team. The coming months and year ahead will be filled with much excitement and joyful fulfillment, along with realistic training that assist in getting the mission done to standard.

Last month we conducted a silent semaphore change of command in which the entire team executed the mission with outstanding results. I want to especially

thank the Noncommissioned Officers who made this beautiful and historical day a success with the riches of the Signal Corps.

I want to recognize a few heros, who have exceeded the standards this past quarter. SSG Adriana Atkinson (501st), 1st Signal Brigade NCO of the year and third in NETCOM. SSG Andrew Tenorio (169th) Battalion NCO of the quarter. Spc. Alajiwan Hughes, Battalion Soldier of the quarter, Battalion KATUSA of the quarter Sgt. Shin, In Kyoo (501st). Reenlistments from 293rd SSG Franklin Ball and Sgt. Eric Devlin. Spc.(P) Amber Carter who will be promoted to Sergeant on 1 July 2009.

In closing I want everyone to know that I am honored to be your Command Sergeant Major and serve side by side with each and every one of you. My door is always open to everyone in the Dragon Command.



"Dragon 7"

"Standard Bearers"



Sgt. 1st Class Omar Rodriguez relays the command to the troops in formation from his signal tower.



Staff Sgt. Andrew Tenorio sends the command through the use of semaphore flags to the signal man on the tower.



Command Sgt. Maj. Mercado provides guidance during the Organization Day in Daegu.



BN BIRTHDAY RUN

Celebrating the Battalion's Lineage in Daegu



Photo by Mr. To Chung Ho, Visual Information Support Center



Ribbons Cutting Ceremony of the newly painted Bn Hq.



Lt. Col. Rosenstein, Sgt. 1st Class Moore, Staff Sgt. Atkinson, and Command Sgt. Maj. Mercado cut the battalion birthday cake to celebrate its 35 years of service.

Meaning of the Battalion Coin



FRONT

Crest: Orange and white are the colors symbolic of the Signal Corps. The lion is from the Arms of Normandy where the Battalion

participated in WWII. The blue and white bells refers to signaling. The dragon is representative of Vietnam where the Battalion participated in twelve campaigns. The torch and lightning flashes are symbolically of the Signal Corps. Red stands for courage and sacrifice and gold is emblematic of excellence.

Coin: Blue signifies vigilance. The Korean characters mean Courage (left) and Sacrifice (right). The coins gold background represents excellence. On the coin are the crests for the Battalion MACOM, NETCOM/9th ASC, and Higher HQ, 1st Signal Brigade. At the bottom of the coin is the Battalion motto, "Standard Bearers."



BACK

Coin: The map of Korea represents Battalion service in Korea and denotes current location of the Battalion HQ subordinate units and the Battalion Higher HQ, 1st Signal Brigade. Around the top of the coin is listed the year the Battalion was activated in the republic of Korea (ROK) and at the bottom is listed what the coin represents, "A Standard of Excellence." Along the side of the coin is the Korean phrase "Katchi Kapshida" meaning "We Go Together." The RED award at the bottom signifies the two Meritorious Unit Citations the Battalion received.

Campaign Credit: Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland; Ardennes-Alsace; Central Europe; Vietnam (Tet)

36TH SIGNAL BATTALION *in Action*



Photo by Lan Dalat

Pfc. Timoteo looks out for "Injurgents" during the mounted patrol as part of the combat live fire exercise at Masan Range on 19 May 2009



Photo by Spc. Roy Champion

Maj. McGarry (Rt.) demonstrates positioning and gripping the pistol during the M9 range at Camp Carroll, Waegwan on 26 Jun 2009.



Photo by Spc. Roy Champion

Cpt. Knight receives instruction from Staff Sgt. Fullwood at the M9 Range.



Photo by Lan Dalat

Clockwise: Being farewelled from the battalion are Maj. Discavage, 1st Lt. Kim, Chaplain Choi. Lower Rt.: 1st Sgt. Quinones receives the battalion first "Broken Hard Drive Award"

From lf. to rt.: Cpt. Knight, Cpt. Calder, Lt. Col. Rosenstein, Cpt. Reinhardt, and Cpt. Susuico attend the Army Ball South at the Inter-Burgo Hotel EXCO in Daegu on June 6, 2009.



LIGHTNING CORNER



Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Camp Walker, Daegu



Nashuma R. Knight
Captain, Signal Corps
Commander

Bearers" Battalion. We look forward to serving with all of you.

Special thanks goes out to all of the spouses and Family members who have been back on the home front putting in extra hours each day to make ends meet while your loved one is away. We can only imagine how trying these times must be for you. Thank you, and keep it up. It amazes us every day to see how well this fine group of professionals carry themselves and conduct their business in a professional manner.

HHD has been and presently is very busy on a day to day basis. Some of our focuses

Dear Spouses,
Family
Members, and
friends of the
HHD, 36th
Signal Battalion,

As a fresh and
new command
team, we are
proud to be a
part of the
"Standard

over the past month have been PT, Soldier
Progression (boards, schools, and
promotions), and safety.

Our detachment is currently preparing for
Base Defense Training and Ulchi Freedom
Guardian in August, further enabling the
unit as a whole to be prepared to "fight
tonight."

Additionally, we have 4th of July weekend
approaching. We entrust every Soldier
and every leader to remain safety focused
more than ever before. I want every
Soldier and

Family member to keep safety and the
accountability of personal and unit
equipment at the forefront of their mind.
Leaders should constantly talk with
Soldiers to re-enforce standards and
discipline.

Every Soldier, from private to company
grade officer, makes us proud every day
for the great work and can-do attitudes
displayed. Every Soldier, as well as every
tasking we complete, is critical to the
overall mission accomplishment of our
unit. We thank you for the support you
have shown.

We would especially like to thank all the
Family members for their support
whether they are here with their spouse,
or back in the states. Your dedication and
support is what drives the Soldiers to
continue to do great things for this
company and the US Army. Thanks to
everyone for what they do for the HHD,
36th Signal Battalion and our Nation.

PCS INFO

Effective June 10, 2009, the
individually billed travel charge
card can be used for relocation
(PCS) expenses! Benefits from
this change include convenience
of use, eliminating the need to
apply for an advance of
entitlements, and reduces the
dependency on personal funds.
You will be required to process
through your organization's
Agency Program Coordinator
(APC) to register for the
program. Charges authorized
for this program include:

- Transportation
- Lodging
- Meals
- Temporary Quarters
Subsistence Expense
- Approved House
Hunting Expenses

Now cardholders will have the
opportunity to use their
Government Travel Charge
Cards while in a PCS status and
enjoy a longer bill pay period.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Carlson R. Cox Jr.



SNAP SHOTS



Fostering Community Sprit

Top: Father and son learn how to look through the sniper rifle's scope.

Bottom: Kids enjoy riding the Choo Choo Train inside Camp Walker during the Armed Forces Day.

Armed Forces Day

by Pfc. Bianca Martin

Cont. from the front Page

The DARE lion, McGruff the crime dog, and the AFN Eagle were on hand to entertain children around the tents.

Guests at Armed Forces Day who made their way to the center of the heliport were able to learn about the military and civil service vehicles that were on display. Children crawled on the massive vehicles and satisfied their temptation to push every button they saw. The fire trucks drew particular attention by allowing children to sit in the driver's seat and blow the horn. Families also enjoyed demonstrations by the fire and police department, and were even allowed hands on experiences with the equipment. Children and adults gathered to witness helicopter and police dog demonstrations eliciting many "oohs" and "awws" of amazement. For little ones who easily tire from walking around the heliport, a Disney themed train toured the outskirts of the exhibits. As the day wore on more and more children flooded the train waving at onlookers and those manning the exhibits.

Those in need of a little shade

moved to the grassy area occupied by the two inflatable castles and a large inflatable obstacle course. Nine year old Kyle Richardson gushed about the obstacle course; "My favorite was the long bouncy thing, we raced through it!" And with no more time to talk, he raced back to the obstacle course for another go. His father, Brian Richardson observed the community spirit that Armed Forces Day facilitated; "Kids have a sort of way of looking past differences and language barriers and just having fun; it's a good way to get to know people and feel more like a community."

For those too old for the inflatable castle and train, the evening culminated with a live rock performance in the Camp Walker Kelly Fitness Center Gym. The California based band, 'Trapt' performed their 2002 hit "Headstrong" among other hits. 'Default', a band from Vancouver British Columbia, rocked the stage with their hits "Wasting my time" and "Deny." After a long day under the sun, people were ready to relax and enjoy the free (and air conditioned) concert. By 8 pm, the festivities were winding down and many went home having spent the day with good friends and having met a couple new ones too.

ARMY TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

While attending the Army Ball this year, I noticed a vacant table with a candle, a flower, and a wine glass. Can you explain the significance of the table and setup?

The POW-MIA Remembrance Ceremony is a tradition symbolizing the fact that members of the military profession are missing from our midst. The table is set for one and is in a place of honor. The table is small to symbolize the frailty of one prisoner alone against his oppressors. The white tablecloth symbolizes the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms so that their children could remain free. The candle is lit to symbolize the upward reach of their unconquerable spirit. A rose tied with a yellow ribbon reminds us of the families and loved ones of our comrades-in-arms who keep the faith awaiting their return. A slice of lemon is on the bread plate to remind us of their bitter fate if we do not bring them home. Salt on the plate is symbolic of the families' tears while they wait and remember. The glass is inverted because they cannot toast with us tonight; until the day they come home.





THE TORCH IS LIT



169th Signal Company, Camp Walker, Daegu, Korea



Maia Susuico
Capt., Signal Corps
Commander

cultural, Esprit de Corps, and team building events.

Several highlights this quarter directly involved Soldiers from the 169th SC, such as the Brigade KATUSA of the Year Board, Warrior Leadership Course Graduation, Army Ball and Battalion Change of Command Ceremony. I am very proud of all Soldiers and Civilians of the 169th Signal Company. They continue to provide superb customer service to all customers in Area IV.

The Brigade KATUSA of the Year board is a measure of a KATUSA's Soldier knowledge as well as physical and mental

Greetings to all families and friends of the 169th Signal Company!

This past quarter (April 2009-June 2009) has been filled with numerous training,

endurance; only the very best KATUSAs in the Brigade earn the right to compete for this distinction. Our very own CPL Hyuk Jin Kwon came out victorious from this very competitive board. He went on to compete at the higher level Eighth United States Army board against some of the best KATUSAs in South Korea.

Spc. David Emerson and Sgt. Trent Clark endured a very challenging 30-day NCO professional development course to better prepare them to be effective leaders, with Sgt. Clark graduating with honors. We also attended the annual Army Ball. This event celebrates and honors the Army's rich traditions, history, and heritage. It also serves as a remembrance of our fallen comrades. A good time was had by all.

The Battalion witnessed a historic event with the passing of the Battalion Colors (Change of Command) from outgoing commander, Lt. Col. Harry Friberg, to incoming commander, Lt. Col. Mark E. Rosenstein. This event was especially significant as it included the use of semaphores (signal flags). Long ago, these flags were used as a means of communications by the Army. During the

ceremony, they were used to relay movement commands from the Commander of Troops (COT) to the Soldiers on the parade field. While rarely used today, they do serve as a strong reminder of the importance of communications.

The Torch is Lit!

CONGRATULATIONS

Staff Sgt. Andrew Tenorio
Bn. NCO of the Quarter Winner

Spc. Alajiwan Hughes
Bn. Soldier of Quarter Winner

HAIL AND FAREWELL

The company bids goodbye to the following outstanding Soldiers:

Spc. Steven J. Royster
Spc. Kia Xiong

During the same period, the unit welcomes the following Soldiers:

Sgt. Arthur Cooper, Pfc. Chiquita Johnson, Pfc. Carla Gomez, Pfc. Justin Mendoza, Pfc. Eric Vongkayson, PV2 Michael Clark, PV2 Sierra Williams, PV2 Charity Johnson, and PVT Tiffany Tyson.



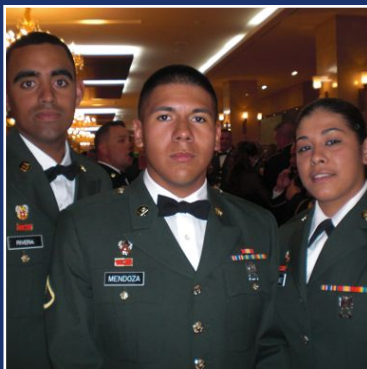
Photo by Sgt. Story, Visual Information Support Center



ARMY BALL.



Lt. Col. Rosenstein and Command Sgt. Maj. Mercado



Privates Rivera, Mendoza and Gomez



Cpt. Knight and 2nd Lt. Navejar

MY FIRST ARMY BALL.

by Pfc. Rafael Rivera

Some would say the 6th of June 2009 was an ordinary Saturday. However, for others such as myself it was an unforgettable day, and an unforgettable experience. This was my first Army Ball experience. The Army celebrated its 234th birthday. My fellow Soldiers and I were able to experience the Army's traditions and protocols. The night began with the greeting of the Official Party. We met the Host of the Army Ball, Brigadier General Xavier P. Lobeto; the Area IV Commanding General. After his introduction, the party began with a presentation of soldiers dressed in uniforms from Civil War to World War I to our current Army Combat Uniform (ACUs). The night honored the long standing traditions of the Army, and the numerous soldiers that came before us and those that continue to give their lives.

Everyone on the room was filled with pride upon the entrance of the Official Party and the Color Guard. A rendition of the Korean and the United States National Anthem filled the air as ball goers somberly listened. As or National Anthem played I was consumed by a sense of pride and a dedication.

"I thought it was a great experience to see how the Army honors tradition; I have never seen anything like that before. I really liked the fact that they had different soldiers dressed in the different uniforms that our fallen comrades have fought in. The table in remembrance of our fallen comrades was something to think about and remember."

- Spc. Foulfont

As the ceremony continued, we raised our glasses and honored all of our predecessors who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Once the toasts were concluded, guests of the Army Ball watched an inspiring video which was produced by Maj. Lan Dalat, 36th Signal Battalion's Executive Officer who introduced notable NCOs throughout South Korea to the screen. These NCOs were venerated for their exceptional leadership qualities. The video features various NCOs reciting lines of the NCOs Creed. The event finished with a big bang as Korean traditional dancers hit the stage. It was a night that I and many others will never forget. I felt honored to have the opportunity to witness American and Korean traditions and customs in a common setting. As a junior enlisted soldier, there was much for me to learn and enjoy. It was especially advantageous to meet and interact with those in the Chain of Command, from the Company Commander to a Brigadier General.

W01 Johnson, of the 169th Signal Company also thought the event was an awesome opportunity and stated this was the highlight of my tour in South Korea: participating in one of the Army's long standing traditions and being able to

witness two cultures co-existing in one poignant event.



36th Signal Bn Officers and Soldiers pose for the group photo at the end of the Army Ball South at Inter-Burgo Hotel EXCO



THE EAGLE'S NEST



293d Signal Company, Camp Carroll, Waegwan, Korea



Spencer Calder
Captain, Signal Corps
Commander

Soldiers,
Families, and
Friends of the
293rd Signal
Company,

Hello and
welcome on
behalf of the
293rd Signal
Company. I am
Captain
Spencer R.

Calder, the new

commander for the 293rd. I would like to
express my excitement to be commanding
this company, and from what I have seen it
is a company with unlimited potential for
Success.

First, I would like to recognize and
congratulate the 293rd Running Team on
its completion of the Eighth US Army 10
Miler on 20 June. I would also like to give
you an idea of what to expect from the
month of July. We will be starting the

month off with two 4th of July
celebrations; one at Chinhae Naval Base
and one at Camp Walker, which kicks off
with a Five Kilometer Fun Run. An Ultra-
Marathon race (with Half and Full
Marathon options as well) will take place
in Seoul. I would like to invite you and
your families to come join us for any of
these events.

After our 4th of July weekend we will be
moving into preparation for the theatre-
wide exercise in August. Mid month we
will be having a Defense Information
Systems Agency Performance Evaluation.
All-in-all July should not be too hectic.
Enjoy your four day weekend, stay safe,
and consider taking some personal time
this month so you can be fully mission
capable during August, for Operation
Ulchi Freedom Guardian.

Aquilifer - Lead from the Front

Eagle 6



Photo by Mr. To Chung Ho, Visual Information Support Center

STRONG BOND



Chaplain Choi brought the
Strong Bonds Marriage Retreat to
36th Signal Battalion in May.
Twenty couples participated in the
event, which took place at the
luxurious Paradise Hotel in Busan,
Korea. Lessons focused on two
books, *Five Love Languages* by Gary
Chapman, and *His Needs, Her
Needs* by Willard F. Harley, Jr. The
direction of the retreat was mostly
aimed at affair prevention, and how
to "build a relationship that
sustains romance and increases
intimacy." Participants engaged in
lessons on communication,
understanding the emotional
needs of your spouse, preventing
marital difficulties, and conflict
resolution. When couples were
not in the sessions, families were
free to explore the beaches,
exciting dining, shops, markets,
and Busan's well known aquarium,
among other attractions.



GOOD NEIGHBORS



JUNGANG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Top: Soldiers from 293d Signal Company serve lunch to pupils at the elementary school in the Waegwan area.

Middle: Spc. Jeffrey Box prepares a plate with hotdog for one of the students in line.

Bottom: Spc. Rudolph DaRocha plays soccer with students from the school

293d Signal Company: English Lessons at Jungang Elementary School

By: Spc. Dorothy Gray

On June 9, 2009 the Soldiers assigned to the 293rd Signal Company made a visit to Jungang Elementary School where they met with students in the sixth grade and spent the afternoon with them.

At 2 pm, eight U.S. Soldiers, three KATUSA's, and one Korean National from the 293rd were released from their regular duties to go to Jungang Elementary School. The school is within walking distance from Camp Carroll and most of the volunteers walked to the location. As part of a mutual agreement, the 293rd SC planned one day to spend with one half of the sixth grade class in June and the other half in October. They will also visit the school every second Tuesday of each month to help the students learn and improve their

English speaking skills. June's visit included a BBQ and various sports with approximately 80 of the school's sixth graders. The 293rd SC transported a grill and provided hotdogs, chips, and sodas for all of the students. After everyone was fed, several groups formed up to play games. One group took a soccer ball and made their way to the largest part of the field. Another group played a version of Dodge Ball. A third group found another corner of the large school yard to play games like Red Light, Green Light. Soldiers and students participated together in all the activities and there was laughter and fun throughout the afternoon.

293rd SC soldiers are looking forward to going back and working with the children each month. Volunteers are rotated to make sure that everyone gets a chance to participate. And the children of Jungang Elementary School are always excited when the 293rd SC enters the school grounds.



Students at Jungang Elementary School enjoy their relationship with US Soldiers from 293rd Signal Company, Camp Carroll, Waegwan, Republic of Korea.



STRYKER'S CORNER



501st Signal Company, Camp Humphreys, Pyeongtaek, Korea



Anthony Reinhardt
Captain, Signal Corps
Commander

Dear Soldiers,
Families, and
Friends of the
501st Signal
Company,

I am Captain
Anthony P.

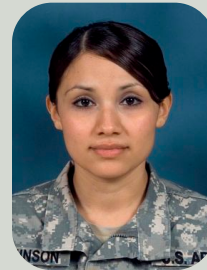
Reinhardt, the
Commander of
the 501st Signal
Company and I

would like to
personally welcome you all as part of the
501st team. I would like to start by
expressing my gratitude for the
opportunity to command this unit. The
Soldiers, Civilians, and KATUSAs that
make up this company are among the best
I have served with and I am grateful to
have such an incredible team.

This past month has been an
eventful one for the 501st; SSG Adriana
Atkinson came in 3rd at the 2009
NETCOM NCO of the Year Board and
Sgt. Shin In Kyoo came in first at the
recent 36th Signal Battalion's KATUSA of

the Quarter Board. 501st Soldiers also
continued to help the local community
with a visit to the Heavenly Grace
Orphanage on June 25th. During the visit
Soldiers played games with the children
and assisted the staff by helping to make
repairs around the orphanage.

July will start with the 4th of July
weekend, during the 4 day holiday the
company will be hosting a fundraising
event on July 5th, selling food and soft
drinks in order to raise money for the
Soldiers of the 501st. All family members
are welcome to join us; the event will be
located at the walk-in gate from 6 PM to 3
AM. Later in the month the NCOs will
participate in the Camp Humphreys NCO
Run and continue to represent the 36th
Signal Battalion in Area III. July will also
be spent preparing for Warrior Storm II
and Ulchi Freedom Guardian '09. UFG is
one of the largest military exercises in the
world and the 501st plays a crucial role in
installing, operating, and maintaining
communications for Area III.



SSG Atkinson



Sgt. Shin

I would like to end this letter by
personally thanking every member of the
501st Signal Company as well as the
Spouses and Families. It is your
dedication and support that has made our
unit so successful and will continue to
drive the unit forward. Please enjoy your
4th of July weekend and stay safe.

"Stryke Hard, Stryke Deep"



Photo by Mr. To Chung Ho, Visual Information Support Center

UPCOMING

30 July FRG Meeting
27 Aug FRG Meeting
6 September Fundraiser
24 September FRG Meeting
26 September Fundraiser



NCO PROFILE

Leading by Example

by Spc. Julien Policape

In this year of the Noncommissioned Officer one NCO from 501st Signal Company is truly leading the way. She has already fought her way from company Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter all the way to Brigade Noncommissioned Officer of the Year. Staff Sergeant Adriana Atkinson, from McFarland California, has placed third in the NETCOM Noncommissioned Officer of the Year. SSG Atkinson joined the Army in November of 2001, went to Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson South Carolina, attended Advanced Individual Training at Fort Gordon Georgia, and now serves as a 25L (Cable Systems Installer Maintainer). SSG Atkinson is a versatile NCO, both technically and tactically competent. She

was selected as one of only two Soldiers from the 1st Signal Brigade to attend the eight week Basic Installer's Course (BIC) at Fort Huachuca, AZ from April to May this year. She successfully completed the course with a 91% overall score making her a more well rounded technician and able to return and train her Soldiers to the next level.

SSG Atkinson has a strong belief in the Army Values and Warrior Ethos. She believes that the Army values are what

every Soldier should live by and that all seven Army values are equally important. But the Army value that means the most to her is duty. Duty is fulfilling your obligations legally and morally; to do what must be done without being told to do so.

"There are many young Soldiers in our Army, and many of these Soldiers never had guidance and mentorship while growing up. It is our duty as Noncommissioned Officers to ensure

that we give that mentorship and guidance to those Soldiers. I believe that every Army value falls under duty. For example, it is referenced in the Creed of the Non-commissioned Officer that one

implied duty is 'to be loyal to those with whom I serve' The word duty came before the word loyalty." SSG Atkinson said.

Most soldiers that have had the privilege to work with SSG Atkinson say that she is a great Noncommissioned Officer. Corporal Jung describes her as a "very motivated, does her best in every mission, compassionate, and very knowledgeable NCO." Private First Class Gutierrez said "She is a really helpful leader



who not only knows her job but mine (PAC) as well." Staff Sergeant Castillo stated that "She is a driven self-starter type NCO who leads from the front." Which Army Value best describes SSG Atkinson? CPL Jung answered, "Selfless Service. Because even though she has two children, she doesn't use that as an excuse for not getting the mission accomplished. She always places the mission first." Pfc. Gutierrez said "Duty, as she always completes the mission." And SSG Castillo said "Duty, because some other values tie into duty. Her dedication to duty is impeccable and she is always available 24-7."

In her 7 years in the Army, SSG Atkinson has been stationed at Fort Hood twice, deployed for a year, and stationed in Korea twice. She has received numerous awards including 4 Army Commendation Medals, 4 Army Achievement Medals, and 2 Army Good Conduct Medals. With all her achievements and ambition to be the best, SSG Atkinson definitely sets the standard for all Soldiers especially those within the 501st Signal Company to emulate.



Mr. Yim Chu Yang, SSG Atkinson and Mr. Yi Yong Chu celebrate the moment of success.



FAMILY'S CORNER

Families of 36th Signal Battalion: Pyeongtaek, Waegwan, Daegu, and Busan

A Field Day

by Ms. Amy De Vries, FRSA

The Daegu American School held its annual Field Day at Kelley Park on June 9. In this last week of school, the teachers and staff organized an outdoors, fun filled day for students Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Over 300 children enjoyed flag football, tug of war, parachute play, an obstacle course, and other events totaling 12 different stations for the kids to experience. Students were separated by classes with each grade sporting a different color shirt for the event.

Mrs. Sharp, 5th Grade Teacher at the Daegu American School, couldn't say enough about the 30 or so volunteers that made the day a success. "This event really couldn't have happened without them," she said, while supervising a soccer related game. She enjoyed playing the 'Flag-Tag', but definitely thought, "The slingshot water balloons are probably the kids' favorite activity." Squeals and screams

erupted from the water balloon area right on cue, as if to confirm her assertion.

36th Signal Battalion provided a few of those precious volunteers, including Pfc. Cyntcrastia Tucker, who skillfully demonstrated to her class how to run the obstacle course, and Pfc. Sylvia Troop who was responsible for keeping a 2nd grade class focused on the point of game.

"First they wanted to play boys against girls, but it seems like all of the games end up turning into a racing game." At a station where students were supposed to throw soaked sponges into buckets, her class decided to run around instead; "They're going to be good and tired later".

For the students of Daegu American School, the Field Day events were likely a glimpse of what the upcoming summer may hold for them. For some of the volunteers, it brought back memories. "Field Day was the best day of the year...

and even some of these games are so familiar." As for the teachers, a day outside with their classes was a great way to end the school year. "This is

something the teachers voluntarily do, and we really feel like the kids deserve to have a good time."



Pfc. Sylvia Troop with 2nd Graders from Daegu American School



DAEGU AMERICAN SCHOOL FIELD DAY 2009

CONGRATS

Congratulations to the 36 Signal Family Graduates of 2009!

Two of our families have High School graduates from Daegu American School:

TyLicea Myatt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tyrome Myatt (HHD)

Franklin Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright (169)



FAMILY MEMBER VOLUNTEER



Stacey Neubig receives the Family Member Volunteer of the Year from COL Saulnier and Command Sgt. Maj. Abbott during a special event in Daegu.



Chaplain Choi and family were recognized as the Outstanding Volunteer Family of the Year



Monica Blumberg receives the Volunteer Award.

Volunteers of the Year, Area IV, US Army Garrison Daegu, Republic of Korea

Throughout our army community volunteers are needed in order for numerous services to be provided to the community. Among the groups lead by

volunteers in our area are the Family Readiness Groups, the Boy Scouts, Church Groups, sporting teams, and language instruction

classes. Outstanding men and women in the 1st Signal Brigade were invited to attend a special event after dedicating thousands of hours of their free time to the United States Army-Daegu community.

On April 24th United States Army Garrison - Daegu held its annual volunteer recognition dinner at Henry's

Place on Camp Henry. Soldiers and family members filled the room and enjoyed a delicious dinner provided by Henry's Place staff. The goal of the

evening was to recognize the outstanding volunteers in the Daegu community. It was amazing to see the room full of volunteers and know that this

was just a fraction of the total number of community volunteers. These volunteers include soldiers, KATUSA, contractors, family members, teachers, etc. Several 1st Signal Brigade Soldiers and family members were honored at the banquet.

Colonel Saulnier and Command Sgt. Maj. Abbott recognized Monica Blumberg for her contributions to the 36th

Signal Battalion. Mrs. Blumberg assisted with unit fundraisers, organized and executed Soldier and Family events, specifically the Memorial Day BBQ and the Thanksgiving Luncheon. Mrs. Blumberg was instrumental in the success of so many of the Battalion events.

Stacey Neubig, wife of Cpt. Jason Neubig, HHD, 36th Signal Battalion was recognized by Col Saulnier, Command Sgt. Maj. Abbott, and Mrs. Vincent as the Family member Volunteer of the Year award winner. Mrs. Neubig served as the 36th Signal Battalion Family Readiness Group Leader and Battalion Steering Committee President for the last two years served. She also volunteered her time as the Treasurer of the PTO for Daegu American School and served as the Participation Committee Chair for the Protestant Women of the Chapel and assists with the Friday Night Contemporary Service.

"We need your service right now, at this moment in history. I'm not going to tell you what your role should be. That's for you to discover. But I'm asking you to stand up and play your part. I'm asking you to help change history's course."

~ President Barack Obama

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Congratulations



Lt. Col. Rosenstein, Mark
presenting Ms. Kim Myong Soon
an award for her efforts in support
of the Army Wide Vista migration.



Lt. Col. Rosenstein, Mark
presenting Ms. Kim Hae Suk an
award for her efforts in support of
the Army Wide Vista migration.



Kim Jae Sung, DOIM, was also
recognized with an award

35 YEARS

Mr. Kim, Nam Chun, 293rd
Mr. Pak, Ki Tak, 169th
Mr. Pak, Yang Hwan, 293rd
Mr. Cho, Il Chae, 293rd

30 YEARS

Mr. Paek, Chong Un, 293rd

25 YEARS

Mr. Kim, Tong Chin, 293rd
Mr. Pak, Chong Hwan, 293rd
Mr. Yi, Ki Son, 293rd

10 YEARS

Mr. Yi, Sang Yop, 293rd

5 YEARS

Mr. Song, Chong Ho, 293rd



BRONZE ORDER OF MERCURY

is Awarded to

Mr. Yi Sang Tae
Mr. Pak Tu Uk

ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL FOR CIVILIAN SERVICE

Mr. Yi, Sang Ung, 293rd

PERFORMANCE AWARD

Mr. Pak, Kyong Ho, HHD
Ms. Kim, Sun Tuk, HHD
Ms. Pak, Chae Sun, HHD
Ms. Chong, Yong Suk, HHD
Ms. Cho, Hong Kun, 293rd

Mr. Sim, Chun Sop, 293rd
Ms. Yi, Chae Sun, 169th
Mr. Kim, Hyon U, 169th
Mr. Yi, Pyong Kyu, 169th





Above: Chaplains Park, Ahn, Buck and Choi shares two common bonds. All are Korean Americans and have served as the 36th Signal Battalion Unit Ministry Team Chaplain. Chaplain Joon Ahn is the current serving Chaplain in the battalion.



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